

10 Clevedon Place
Eaton Square

Dear Mr Gordon Browne,

Many many thanks for the deliciously charming humoursome illustrations. I have been happy in having you to help to make Sir Toady live – he does indeed live and I must now send you pictures of the real Toady and Hugh John in order to let you see how close without knowing it you have kept to my idea.

Your little thumbnails are delightful, and your running comment of the Knight of the dogs or yore is splendid.

Often when I was writing a scene, the fight, the incident of Sir Toady and the Cannons and specially the frontispiece, the butcher, the parson and Sir T advancing in rifle formation I chuckled and say 'ha! Ha!' within me, for I knew what Gordon Browne would make of that. Indeed I wrote the book with a consciousness that our humours were going to jump together.

Mes compliments

Ever yours

S.R.Crockett

Dating this Nov 16th as the letter above shows he was at 10 Clevedon Place and Toady Lion was 'going off' well in a letter to Sladen later in Nov.